Focus on the competition

The 13th edition of The Citadelles du Vin competition, the closing evening party of which took place at the Château Lagrange at St Julien – Beychevelle, was organized on 25, 26 & 27 May 2013 at Bourg (Bordeaux-France).

The Citadelles du Vin, under the high patronage of the O.I.V., presented this year 1,159 top level wine samples from 29 countries to the assessment of 60 tasters of 22 different nationalities, these tasters forming a highly qualified jury.

Wines from all over the world (still wines, sparkling wines, sweet fortified wines, grape marc wine spirits) could be registered, all vintages being accepted in the competition as long as the wine is already bottled. All types of growers were admitted: there was a prevalence of wine-growers, followed by wine merchants, cellars and finally wine cooperatives.

International breakdown of the samples: the TOP 10

- France: 275
- Portugal: 178
- Spain: 124
- Italy: 119
- Chile: 116
- Australia: 56
- Canada: 38
- Argentina: 35
- United States: 33
- Hungary: 26

The medals:

The Citadelles du Vin event is a must venue of the international competitions, the outstanding rigor and professionalism of which are much appreciated.

This year, the competition assessed:
- 693 samples of red wines
- 245 samples of dry white wines
- 115 samples of sparkling wines
- 37 samples of sweet white wines
- 34 samples of rosé wines
- 26 samples of sweet fortified wines
- 9 samples of spirits
The competition awarded the following prizes (Citadelles d’Or (gold medal), Citadelles d’Argent (silver medal):

- France (22 Citadelles d’Or, 48 Citadelles d’Argent)
- Portugal (23 Citadelles d’Or, 29 Citadelles d’Argent)
- Spain (11 Citadelles d’Or, 24 Citadelles d’Argent)
- Italy (11 Citadelles d’Or, 14 Citadelles d’Argent)
- Chile (17 Citadelles d’Or, 24 Citadelles d’Argent)
- Australia (7 Citadelles d’Or, 13 Citadelles d’Argent)
- Canada (7 Citadelles d’Or, 4 Citadelles d’Argent)
- Argentina (8 Citadelles d’Or, 9 Citadelles d’Argent)
- United States (3 Citadelles d’Or, 5 Citadelles d’Argent)
- Hungary (4 Citadelles d’Or, 7 Citadelles d’Argent)

Total number of medals awarded:

- Citadelles d’Or: 133 medals (145 in 2012)
- Citadelles d’Argent: 208 medals (162 in 2012)

The day before the opening of VINEXPO

The Special Prizes (mentioned below) will be awarded during a Prize ceremony which will take place on 15 June at 6 pm at the Casino Barrière in Bordeaux, the event being commented by Mr. Jacques Orhon, a Master sommelier and the founder of the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers.

The FIJEV Special Prize

(FIJEV: International Federation of Wine and Spirits Journalists and Writers in English). This year, The Citadelles du Vin has decided to honor Canada by means of a Special Ontario Prize which will be awarded by Mr. Michael Hornickel, President of the FIJEV.

16 Special Prizes per country

Reminder: In order for a Special Prize to be awarded, 10 samples have to be entered.

List of wine awards online at www.citadellesduvin.com

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